

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF INSTITUTES OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the proposal of setting up of two Institutes of Science Education to make education and careers in basic science attractive as reported in the Hindu dated October 26, 2007;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Institutes of Science Education approved by the Government so far alongwith the site selected therefor; and

(d) the time by when the Institutes are likely to become functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) : The Government has approved the setting up of two Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) at Bhopal & Thiruvananthapuram, in addition to the three IISERs already set up at Pune, Kolkata & Mohali. The total estimated project cost of each IISER is Rs. 500.00 crores which includes Rs.241.00 crores for construction of buildings and other infrastructural facilities and Rs.259.00 crores as recurring expenditure, spread over a period of 7 years. The academic sessions at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali have already commenced. It is proposed to start the academic session in IISERs, Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram from 2008-09.